

Winsford Recreation Association

Draft minutes of the Winsford Recreation Association Meeting
Held on Monday 8th August at The Pavilion, Recreation Field

Present: Frazer Lawrence (FL) - Chair, Ian Whybrow (IW) - Treasurer, Jayne Luscott (JL) - Secretary, David Luscott (DL), Sue Hayes (SH), Mike Hayes (MH) Ros Dearing (RD), Bryany Neal (BN)

FL opened the meeting at 4.15pm.

1. Opening remarks - Chair

The chair thanked all for attending today. He then expressed sadness that Chris How could not be here today, and that he will be missed by the Cricket Team, the Village in general, and this Recreation Association.
The focus for today was to confirm details for the upcoming events.

2. Apologies

Apologies from JO.

3. Conflicts of interest

None.

4. Approval of Minutes of 6th June 2022

All agreed.

5. Financials and Collections

No change on the 100 club collections £2,312 collected. FL stated he didn't want to hound people for payment. DL said he would come up with a list of the people who had paid before but not this year, and to go through it with FL to decide who to contact. JL suggested putting a leaflet through the doors of the newcomers of the village. The payments from the 100 club are 2 X £210 and 10 x £70 = £1,120. IW stated that the expenses for electricity, water, fire extinguishers, insurance, hedge-cutting and sundry expenses is covered by the 100 club collections. Event profits will help with any other expenditure. The Halloween and Father Christmas events are not profit making events and we only request donations.

6. Planned Events - See updates below

7. Skittles and Duck Race

SH stated that DL had done some posters. SH said it is a small event. FL stated that a risk assessment will need to be conducted. DL has a generic risk assessment which he will adapt for the event, with FL to review the draft also. SH will contact nearer the dates for help etc.

8. Gin, Jazz, and High Jinks

JL stated that a meeting was held last week with JO, RD, DL, JL as JO would not be at today's meeting. Jayne Davis has very kindly obtained the events license for this event, to include music, and has paid for it. Jayne Davis is going to run an outside bar for this event. SH said we could use her BBQ for this event. JL asked about another BBQ for vegetarians, this needs to be considered. JL said that this will be a ticketed event as we need to pay £350 for the band. Suggested prices are £10 per ticket ahead of the day and £12 on the day. It needs to be clear on the poster that the BBQ is extra cost and not included in the ticket price. DL said he would put his phone number on the posters and adverts to handle the sale of the tickets, this would then give us some indication as to numbers. This is also to be posted in Across Exmoor's next issue. JL asked SH if the association could borrow the marquees and gazebos. SH said she would get somebody to supervise the erection of the marquees etc on the 9th of September. The games are going to be organised by Ian and Ellen, walking rugby and rounders. JO has some other games to put out and SH said she also has some that can be used. Timings are as follows: gate open at 3.00, games 3.30, BBQ 4.00, band 5.00. IW to check insurance for events. Risk assessment will also be required. IW stated that it would be good to have a list of event licenses and who has applied. i.e., Village Hall, WRA etc, as there is a limit of 15 a year.

9. Halloween Pumpkin Competition

Not so much advanced effort is required for this event, although planning will be needed. JO has the decorations. All set up will be on the day. A risk assessment will be required. SH stated that there is a Halloween Bingo on the same night in the village hall, Saturday 29th October, but the two should go well together.

10. Elvis The Legend

DL has started a draft poster which was handed round, and will also be producing tickets. JL said that 4 tables have been requested already.

11. Father Christmas

To be held in the village hall on 22nd December.

12. Tennis Update

FL stated the Tennis Courts had been sprayed and de-mossed, grass has been cut and the lock on shed has been changed and all looking quite good. FL stated that in around 6 months or so he will investigate longer term funding for refurbishment of the courts. Usage of the courts seems to be dropping. JL suggested advertising the tennis courts around the village, noticeboard, shop etc. DL offered to do a poster. The sign on court gives pricing etc. Long term funding to be from external source. There is surplus of over £1,000 from the original donation that was to be used solely for the tennis courts.

13. Cricket Update

All the great work carried out on the field and pavilion by CH in the past will need to be considered in the future maintenance plans. MH mentioned that the septic tank would need emptying. SH said this would need checking and she would ask Charles Hayes to check it for us and let us know when it needs emptying. CH used to pay for this. Decision to be made who to pay for it in future. Decided to empty it after the Gin and Jazz event.

14. Council Update

BN stated that the dog bin at the recreation field car park is now being emptied on the contract. As to the transfer of the field, there is another hold up and this is being sent back to the lawyers in London. FL asked BN to pass on thanks to the council for arranging the emptying of the dog bin. FL said it would be good to get ideas from the villagers as to what they want to do with the field, and to make this as agenda items at the next meeting.

15. AOB

MH asked if we will be getting a new member to replace CH. SH & MH to ask the cricket team if anyone would like to put themselves forward.

16. Chairs Remarks

FL thanked all for their time. Suggested a meeting before the Gin, Jazz, and High Jinks event to make sure we are organised for it.

17. Date of Next Meeting

Friday 2nd September 5pm